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INFO AMEMBASSY MASERU

AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

AMEMBASSY MBABANE

C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 4806

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, XF, LT, IS

SUBJ: LESOTHO-ISRAELI RELATIONS

1. LESOTHO PERMREP MOLAPO APPROACHED AF AND NEA AREA ADVISORS NOV. 14 FOR COUNSEL ON VOTING ON UNRWA RESOLUTION 1ST COMITE. THOUGH LACKING PRECISE INSTRUCTIONS ON US POSITION, WE IMPROVISED PRIMARILY FROM GUIDELINES LAST YEAR.

2. MOLAPO, OBVIOUSLY UNDER STRAIN BECAUSE LESOTHO HAD NOT YET GONE ALONG WITH OTHER AFRICANS, THEN TURNED TO ISRAEL. HE STATED HE WAS SINGLE LESOTHO AMBASSADOR TO RECOMMEND AGAINST BREAK. HOWEVER, HE LAUCHED INTO DIATRIBE AGAINST ISRAELI'S NIGGARDLY ATTITUDE TOWARD AID TO LESOTHO, PARTICULARLY WHEN, HE CLAIMED, PRETORIA HAD PRESSURED AGAINST AID ON SPECIFIC PROJECTS.

3. MOLAPO ASKED WHAT US ATTITUDE WAS TOWARD AFRICAN STATES THAT BROKE RELATIONS.WE RESPONDED THAT SEVERAL OF OUR AFRICAN FRIENDS HAD CONSULTED US, AND THAT WE HAD ALWAYS EXPRESSED HOPE THAT PRESSURES COULD BE
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RESISTED. HOWEVER, WE UNDERSTOOD THAT SOMETIMES THIS

WAS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT.

4. WE HAVE IMPRESSION THAT LESOTHO WILL FIND IT
INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TO HOLD OUT.
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